

### Rule for Factoring a Perfect-Square Trinomial

$$a^2 + 2ab + b^2 = (a + b)(a + b)$$

$x^2 + 8x + 16$	$x^2 + 6x + 9$	$9x^2 + 24x + 16$
$a^2 + 2ab + b^2$	$a^2 + 2ab + b^2$	$a^2 + 2ab + b^2$
$b^2 = 16 \text{ \& } a^2 = (1x)^2$	$b^2 = 9 \text{ \& } a^2 = (1x)^2$	$b^2 = 16 \text{ \& } a^2 = (3x)^2$
$b = 4 \text{ \& } a = 1x$	$b = 3 \text{ \& } a = 1x$	$b = 4 \text{ \& } a = 3x$
$(x + 4)(x + 4)$	$(x + 3)(x + 3)$	$(3x + 4)(3x + 4)$

$$a^2 - 2ab + b^2 = (a - b)(a - b)$$

$x^2 - 10x + 25$	$x^2 - 18x + 81$	$4x^2 - 20x + 25$
$a^2 + 2ab + b^2$	$a^2 + 2ab + b^2$	$a^2 + 2ab + b^2$
$b^2 = 25 \text{ \& } a^2 = (1x)^2$	$b^2 = 81 \text{ \& } a^2 = (1x)^2$	$b^2 = 25 \text{ \& } a^2 = (2x)^2$
$b = 5 \text{ \& } a = 1x$	$b = 9 \text{ \& } a = 1x$	$b = 5 \text{ \& } a = 2x$
$(x - 5)(x - 5)$	$(x - 9)(x - 9)$	$(2x - 5)(2x - 5)$

### Rule for the Difference of Two Squares

$$a^2 - b^2 = (a + b)(a - b)$$

$4x^2 - 25$	$25x^2 - 9$
$a^2 - b^2$	$a^2 - b^2$
$a^2 = (2x)^2 \text{ \& } b^2 = 25$	$a^2 = (5x)^2 \text{ \& } b^2 = 9$
$a = 2x \text{ \& } b = 5$	$a = 5x \text{ \& } b = 3$
$(2x + 5)(2x - 5)$	$(5x + 3)(5x - 3)$